



Meeting Minutes	December 1, 2016	Cutter Gallery
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Commissioners attending: Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Barbara Costa, Adria Arch, Jonathan Hyde, Aimee Taberner

Commissioners absent: Leland Stein, Carla Dorato

Guests: Steve Poltorzycki, Marga Varea (both incoming commissioners)

The meeting was called to order at 8:25pm.

Minutes: Minutes for November 3, 2016 were unanimously approved as corrected.

Cultural Plan/Main Town Plan: A press release about the cultural survey has gone out. To date, survey respondents total 270; respondents are skewing older, 25+. There was discussion about how to reach a broader audience: young people, students, Spanish- and Chinese-speaking population. And commission agreed that information about the plan and the survey should be sent to selectmen, town department heads, and Town Meeting members. Hyde will follow up with Jenny Raitt and Jenn Erickson. Commissioners agreed to contact additional town organizations to encourage more survey participants. Costa and Marlin-Curiel will respond to Q&A with the *Advocate*. Some morning focus group sessions were cancelled due to lack of sign-ups; discuss with Erickson about more evening groups in January open to the general public. Follow up: Marlin-Curiel will ask Erickson to send out a reminder email about the survey and she will contact Will Sullivan to use WillStock list to reach young people; Varea to contact Arlington Alive list and FB; Arch to use Chairful list and FB; Costa will follow up with Dave Ardito re Inside Out program.

Town Cultural Plan/ Assessment of Cultural Organizations: Jenny Raitt is working on selection of consultant to study organizational issues/functions of the town's key cultural organizations.

Bike Path Project: Costa will circulate a summary of the artists' concepts for connecting Capitol Square and Arlington Center via the Minuteman bike path. Some are based on existing artwork; some would be new work. ACAC has submitted a grant proposal to the Arlington Cultural Council to further develop the ideas this spring.

Public Art: Update from Arch: East Arlington "Stories" project has been a huge success -- very visible and engendered lots of community discussion and spirit. The project was managed by APA consultant Cecily Miller, who was funded by a \$12,000 article on the Town Warrant. Commission members agreed with Arch that Miller has far exceeded the original work plan. Arch wants to capitalize on the success of the project and extend the town's commitment to Miller and the public art program. Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine has agreed to draft a Warrant Article for \$15,000 to continue Miller's work in Arlington Center; ACAC will need to generate support by the FinComm.

Americans for the Arts membership: Marlin-Curiel outlined some of the AFTA programs relevant to ACAC: ArtsLink magazine (available by email), several list serves, blogs, etc. VOTE: Commissioners agreed unanimously to authorize expenditure of no more than \$75 to renew ACAC's 2017 membership. To do: Marlin-Curiel will renew ACAC's membership.

New Business: No decision yet from the Massachusetts Cultural Council about the town's application for a Cultural District.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.